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Joy Morgan (AL), Michael Mosley (MO), Burt Mueller (TX), Clem Mueller (TX), Tiffany Mueller (TX), Ann Phillis Murphy (AR), Doty Murphy (AR), Phillis Murphy (AR), Zach Murphy (AR), Barry Newsom (AL), Julia Newsom (AL), Lori Newsom (AL), Nancy Newsom (AL), Kathleen Nicolosi (TX), Jerome Nicolosi (TX), Regina Nicolosi (TX), Vanessa Nicolosi (TX), Veronique Nicolosi (TX), Jeremy Nunez (MI), Vladamir Oshero (IL), Sunia Panapa (NZ), Jonna Patterson (GA), Helvitin Paul (WA), Natalia Payne (IA), Glory Perkins (GA), James Perkins (GA), Lea Perkins (GA), Timothy Peters (TX), Beverly Pike (FL), Joshua Ramsey (CA), Randal Rankin (AL), Paul Ratcliff (NC).

William Ratcliff (NC), Robert Reed (OH), Andrew Riendeau (PQ), Simon Riendeau (PQ), Greg Roe (TN), Charles Rogers (AR), Charles Rogers, Jr. (AR), Deborah Rogers (AR), Deborah Joy Rogers (AR), Jonathan Rogers (AR), Stephen Rogers (AR), Joam Roof (NY), Charles Ross (IN), Charity Ross (IN), Jedidiah Ross (IN), Mary Ross (IN).

Stephen Ross (IN), Rebekah Ross (IN), Keith Rumley (MI), Laura Rumley (MI), Peter Rumley (MI), Robert Runella (CA), William Rushing (TX), Jeremy Schiefelbien (MN), Sharon Schneider (KS), David Scott (GA), Bob Sherwood (CA), John Shrader (TX), David Shubin (OR), George Shubin (OR), Doug Simmons (GA), Andrew Smith (OR).

Benjamin Smith (PA), David Smith (AL), Lohn Smith (AL), Rebeca Smith (OR), Brian Sondergaard (CA), Doug Sondergaard (CA), Laura Spencer (NS), Phillip Strange (VA), Caleb Stanton (AR), Denise Stanton (AR), Luke Stanton (AR), Michael Stanton (AR), Spencer Stanton (AR), Zachery Stanton (AR), Kyra Stevenson (TX).

Charles Stewart (WV), Benjamin Stixrud (WA), Angela Storm (IA), Ruth Sutherland (MI), Nathaniel Swanson (NB), Jeremy Tanner (MI), Joshua Tanner (MI), Amanda Taylor (MS), Jeremy Thielen (MI), Alison Turner (GA), Timothy Tuttle (OR), April Unruh (TN), Rochelle Wagler (KS), Ken White (IL), Matthew Waite (IL), Dane Walker (VA), William Warren (FL).

John Watkins (MN), Paul Watkins (MN), Jonathan Wedel (PQ), Heather Wenstrom (FL), Brian Weston (CA), Andrea Whitfield (KY), Deborah Whitfield (KY), Jeromey Whitfield (KY), Joshua Whitfield (KY), Robert Whitfield (KY), Brian Wicker (AZ), Nathan Williams (KS), David Wilson (AL), James Winkler (NY), Aaron Wood (TX), Rebekah Zeimann (NJ), Andrea Zeller (IN), Angela Zimmerman (NC), Christine Zimmerman (NC), Josh Zimmerman (NC).

173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE HOLDS REUNION

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend the 173d U.S. Airborne Brigade. This important military group will be hosting its 30th anniversary reunion in Rochester, MN later this week. It is my understanding that approximately 1,500 of these brave veterans will be in attendance.

The 173d Airborne Brigade fought in southeast Asia from May 5, 1965, to September 26, 1970, and consisted of the following groups:

1st Battalion, 503d Infantry.
2d Battalion, 503d Infantry.
3d Battalion, 503 Infantry.
3d Battalion, 503d Infantry (from Oct. 26, 1967, to Sept. 26, 1970).
4th Battalion, 503d Infantry.
173d Support Battalion.
Company C, 75th Infantry (Feb. 1, 1969, to Sept. 26, 1970).

Special Troops Battalion, 173d Airborne Brigade.

Troop E, 17th Cavalry.
173d Engineer Company.
46th Public Information Detachment (from Mar. 23, 1967, to Sept. 26, 1970).

51st Chemical Detachment (from Feb. 15, 1968, to Sept. 26, 1970).

24th Military History Detachment.
172d Military Intelligence Detachment (from Feb. 15, 1968, to Sept. 26, 1970).

534th Signal Company (from Dec. 20, 1968, to Sept. 26, 1970).

45th Postal Unit.
Company N, 75th Infantry (from Feb. 1, 1969, to Sept. 26, 1970).

39th Infantry Platoon.
75th Infantry Detachment (from Feb. 1, 1969, to Sept. 26, 1970).

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade.

1st Battalion, 50th Infantry (from Apr. 5, 1968 to Oct. 6, 1969).

54th Infantry Detachment (from Feb. 22, 1968, to Apr. 11, 1969).

Company D, 16th Armor (from May 4, 1965, to Sept. 24, 1970).

Tuy Hoa Provisional Tank Company (from May 5, 1969, to Oct. 21, 1969).

The 173d Airborne Brigade was a combat-experienced unit, composed of courageous soldiers who always displayed an enthusiastic anti-Communist spirit. During its 5 years of fighting in the Republic of Vietnam, the 173d Airborne Brigade was instrumental in the fight against communism, yet at the same time participated in the humanitarian restoration of the country.

In recognition of their service, the 173rd Airborne Brigade and its attached and assigned units were awarded the U.S. Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm for their outstanding service. These unit citations were awarded to the 173rd Airborne Brigade by authority of U.S. Department of the Army General Order (D.A.G.O.) 51 of 1971.

Unfortunately, one of the foreign attachments to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR Group), was inadvertently left off the D.A.G.O. 51 of 1971.

The 1 RAR (Group) consisted of the following groups:

First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

161 Field Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery.

105 Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery.

3 Field Troop, Royal Australian Engineers.

4/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse (1 APC Troop).

1st Australian Logistic Support Company.

161 Recce Flight (Independent).

709 (Ind) Sig Troop, Royal Australian Signals.

After many years and multiple attempts to correct this oversight, the 1 RAR (Group) finally received the recognition they so rightly

deserved by receiving the U.S. Meritorious Unit Commendation.

I must say, however, their fight is not over. While receiving the unit citation, the 1 RAR (Group) was not included on the D.A.G.O. 51 of 1971. Therefore, I intend to work with the U.S. Department of Defense [DOD] and the Embassy of Australia in Washington, DC to amend the D.A.G.O. 51 of 1971 to include the 1 RAR (Group).

EIGHTY-ONE PERCENT OVERNIGHT ON-TIME DELIVERY MAIL SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take note of the significant improvement in the performance of the Postal Service in the District of Columbia. In just over 1 year, under prodding from the Congress, the Postal Service has taken a new direction with a pay back for postal customers in the District of Columbia. The most recent performance figures show that local, on-time delivery performance is now at 81 percent—up from 69 percent this time last year.

This is a clear demonstration that the Postal Service can do the job if we keep on its case. Last year, when we became aware of problems effecting mail service in the metropolitan region, I indicated that our last place finish would not be tolerated. In addition to residents' mail, the most important mail in the country and the world passes through the Washington, DC Post Office. The Postal Service apparently heard us—at a town meeting I convened in the District and through our many hearings that brought out the details of delivery problems here in the District.

Since I began monitoring local mail service closely over the past year, I am encouraged that performance has been steadily rising throughout this period. The Postal Service's investment in providing the type of service required in the world's most important city is finally paying off. New technologies, new employees, and a renewed commitment to customer service are making the difference, just as they are showing us what Government can do when it places its customers first. Not only has service in the District of Columbia improved, but nationally, on-time delivery has reached the highest level ever.

A few months ago, I walked a delivery route with a letter carrier here in the District of Columbia. I learned first hand of the pride many postal employees take in serving their customers. There is a fragile bond between the customer and the service provider. I am pleased that the Postal Service recognizes the very real need to maintain and strengthen this bond.

I will continue to monitor the progress of the Postal Service and make monthly reports to District constituents in my column "Notes from Congress" in community papers. As shown by the good news of the most recent figures, monitoring and pressure from House Members has been among the most important factors influencing the improvements in service. Now is no time to let up the pressure. D.C. needs to do more than improve markedly, as we have. We must shoot for the top—and we will.